Some Village Indsutry units/self-employment ventures do suffer losses and close down. The reasons for such losses include use of obsolete technology, inconsistent quality of products, product design not being in keeping with market demand, lack of entrepreneurial and managerial skills, etc.

(c) Existing Village industry units/self-employment ventures, which were set up with credit from banks but become sick, are eligible for rehabilitation assistance available to sick units in the small scale industries sector, as per the guidelines of the Reserve bank of India (RBI). These measures include, *inter alia,* waiver of penal interest on cash credit and term loan from the year the unit started making cash losses, segregation of unpaid interest on cash credit and term loan from the total liability and treating the former amount as a separate interest-free loan, reduced rate of interest (reduction of up to 3 per cent for tiny units) to be charged on unpaid term loans, additional working capital loans to be given at a rate of interest not exceeding the prime lending rate, etc.

Further, based on the 'Policy Package for Stepping up credit to Small and Medium Enterprises' announced by the Government in the Parliament on 10 Agusut 2005, the RBI has issued guidelines on 8 September 2005 to all public sector banks that envisage debt restructuring mechanism for nursing sick small and medium enterprises back to health.

Plasma Fortification Unit

2030. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up its Plasma Fortification Unit to provide life saving F8 and F9 protein to patients suffering from Haemophilia;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be operational;

(c) the number of patients in need of life saving protein and the production capacity of the unit; and

(d) whether the protein would be supplied free of cost or otherwise by the unit itself or through Government hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, During Phase III of National AIDS Control Programme (2007-12), One Plasma Fortification Unit will be set up and • made operational.

(c) There are 12180 patients registered with Hemophilia Federation of India (HFI) in the country.

The proposed unit will have the capacity to process 50,000 litres of Plasma annually.

(d) The protein will be supplied by the unit itself to various hospitals in the country to cater to needs of Heamophilia patients.

Injured persons of Samjhauta Express blast in hospitals

†2031. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of injured persons admitted in different hospitals of Delhi after the bomb explosion incident in Samjhauta Express on the 19th February, 2007;

(b) the number of injured persons admitted in burn ward of Safdarjung Hospital and the capacity of burn ward with regard to the patients;

(c) the number of patients who were already admitted and who were discharged in order to admit the injured persons of Samjhauta Express; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition and increase the capacity of burn ward of Safdarjung Hospital during the last two years and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR, ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) Twelve patients were admitted in the bum ward of Safdarjung Hospital. Bums ward has the capacity to admit 64-patients. No patient was dischaged to accommodate injured persons of Samjhauta Express.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.